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Dear Mr. Eisenberg:

SUBJECT: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT CASE DON2012F071462

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated July 29, 2012. Your FOIA request was received in our office on July 31, 2012.

Based on the information provided in your request, we are unable to conduct a search. In accordance with the Department of the Navy's FOIA regulations (32 CFR 701.8 (a)(1)), a requester is required to describe the records sought in sufficient detail to enable an employee familiar with the subject area of the request to locate responsive records with a reasonable amount of effort. Your request does not comply with this requirement.

Please be advised that the Department of the Navy is not equipped to conduct a text search based on the name of a contractor. Instead, information of this nature is maintained by individual commands throughout the Department of the Navy, and without additional information linking the records you are seeking to a specific Navy activity, we cannot conduct a search. Useful information includes the name of the Navy activity that issued a contract, or a Navy contract number. Navy contract numbers begin with the letter "N" followed by a five-digit number. That five digit number enables this office to locate the Navy activity that owns the contract, and request for that activity to search its files. You may wish to consult the Federal Procurement Data System at <https://www.fpds.gov/fpdsng cms/> in order to search for contracts that meet your criteria.

In accordance with 32 CFR 701.8 (a)(2)(c), we will not proceed further with your request until we receive additional clarification from you. If we do not hear from you within 20 workdays of the date of this letter, we will assume you are no longer interested in this matter and close our file on your request.

If you have any questions, please contact our FOIA service center at (202) 685-0417.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. P. Shaw". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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